

1170 Thomas à Becket murdered in Canterbury Cathedral. Four knights assassinate the friend of England. Henry II's assertion of royal authority over the Church in the Constitution of Clarendon (1164) brought him into fierce conflict with Thomas à Becket, previously Chancellor of England and Archbishop of Canterbury since 1162.

Becket refused to accept the Constitutions, among whose provisions were that no clergy should communicate with Rome without royal permission nor any appeals be made to the papal court before being heard in England. After appearing at the Council

of Northampton to ensure change of personnel
appropriately with consideration, Bochet had to
know. That he returned until 1170 when
meeting Henry in Normandy and agreeing
to be reconciled, he returned to Canterbury.
On Christmas day (1170) he excommunicated
Richard I & Co. (child supporters of the crown)
from the budget during Henry's escape by
"able removal of any court with around by"
article the minute paid credit to me.
Four knights took the king at his
word & killed a great Bochet and

delivered him & Henry. They arrived at Canterbury
in Dec 29, 1170 and made known their
purpose. Bochet took refuge in the
cathedral and was murdered in the
steps of the high altar.

Three yrs later he was canonized.

Dec. 29, 1170

Thomas à Becket was
murdered in his Cathedral at
Canterbury, Kent, England
He was born 1118(?)

King Henry II send 4 Knights to
kill Thomas. The Pope forced the King
to do penance at Becket's tomb.

Becket was Canonized by Pope
Alexander III in 1173. His shrine

VIII *was destroyed by Henry VIII*

Case of Mort d'Ancestre

Jury of 12 men of neighborhood to
judge disputed inheritance; empaneled
by sheriff acting on royal writ; jury
decided whether a man died with
lawful title to possession of land
and, if so, which of the disputing
parties was lawful heir.

Dec 29, 1170

Assassination of Becket
Thomas a Becket, Archbishop
of Canterbury, was stabbed
to death by four knights
of King Henry II of
England.

Dec 21, 1170

Archbishop Thomas Becket was
murdered in Canterbury Cathedral
in England.